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Examiner: BROWN, Timothy M.

For: NEW SEQUENCE OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS GENOTYPES AND THEIR USE AS  
THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC AGENTS

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December 30, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**REQUEST**

The Examiner is requested to issue a new PTO-892 Form which properly lists the cited U.S. Patent No. 5,350,671, from the Office Action dated December 15, 2004. The PTO-892 Form received with the Office Action lists U.S. Patent No. 5,530,671 which appears to be unrelated to the subject matter of the present application and not the intended patent.

The Examiner is requested to return an initial copy of the PTO-1449 Form filed March 3, 2004, pursuant to MPEP § 609, as requested in the Remarks of the Amendment of March 3, 2004.

The Examiner is requested to confirm acceptance of the drawings filed July 6, 2001, or otherwise provide a specific objection or rejection of the same.

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge receipt by the Patent Office of the priority documents in grand-parent application Serial No. 08/362,455 from the

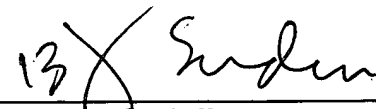
International Bureau with regard to PCT/EP94/01323, as requested in the Remarks of the Amendment of March 3, 2004.

The present paper is not being filed in response to the Office Action of December 15, 2004, but it is being filed to again request clarification and further information which the applicants believe should have been included with the Office Action of December 15, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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